REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-55, drawn to a method.
- II. Claims 56-73, drawn to a device.

The examiner has further asserted that the application contains claims direct to the following patentably distinct species:

- I. an electrochemical cell.
- 2. an electrolytic cell.

Claims 1, 13, 24, 46, 56, 62 and 68 are stated as being generic.

The Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-55, drawn to a method, and further elects the species direct to an electrolytic cell. Applicant believes that each of method claims 1-55 encompass an electrolytic cell.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues. If this is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned. In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 500714/LYNN-0127 of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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